

Remarks

In the Office action dated September 15, 2004, a Restriction Requirement was placed on the application, requiring election of one of the following species for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Group I: Claims 1-22

Group II: Claims 54-55

Applicant hereby elects Group II, and has accordingly amended the claims to conform to the election. In addition, Applicant has added new claims 63-71.

Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account No. 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1505. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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